

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Kelly Flynn, on February 23, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Virginia Court (D)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Bridget Smith, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary  
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 491, 2/20/2017; HB 551, 2/20/2017  
Executive Action: HB 97, HB 151, HB 164, HB 434, HB 491, HB 551

**HEARING ON HB 551**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:53 Rep. Bob Brown (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 551, Clarify types of firearms included in hunter safety instruction.

00:02:14 Rep. B. Smith joined the meeting

00:03:35 Rep. Kipp III joined the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:04:00 Wayde Cooperider, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:05:04 Rep. Rosendale

00:05:17 Chair Flynn

00:06:08 Rep. Loge

00:06:57 Wayde Cooperider, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:07:43 Rep. B. Brown

00:08:26 Rep. Jacobson

**HEARING ON HB 491**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:09:19 Rep. Virginia Court (D), HD 50, opened the hearing on HB 491, Create designation of public lands day.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:14:31 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:16:29 Tucker Finley, Montana Public Research Interest Group (MTPIRG)

00:17:11 Colin Cooney, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

00:17:51 Becky Peters, Self

00:19:13 Ryan Weiss, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:20:57 Dan Roper, Montana Audubon

00:22:50 John Borgreen, Self, Russell Country Sportsmen

00:25:17 Jeff Herbert, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:26:00 Rep. White

00:28:50 Rep. Court

00:29:25 Rep. Loge  
 00:30:27 Rep. Court  
 00:31:15 Rep. Vinton  
 00:32:20 Chair Flynn  
 00:32:32 Rep. Court  
 00:33:20 Chair Flynn  
 00:35:18 Rep. B. Brown  
 00:36:01 Rep. Kipp III  
 00:36:42 Rep. Court

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:37:11 Rep. Court

00:44:27 Recessed

01:03:41 Reconvened

01:03:59 Chair Flynn relinquished the Chair to Vice Chair Brown

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 164**

01:04:13 **Motion:** Rep. Flynn moved that **HB 164 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:04:20 Rep. Flynn

01:07:49 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. White made a substitute motion that **HB 164 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 97**

01:08:36 **Motion:** Rep. Loge moved that **HB 97 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:08:57 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:09:53 **Motion:** Rep. Flynn moved that **HB 97 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(fih40a01)

**Discussion:**

01:10:13 Rep. Flynn

01:11:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:12:15 **Motion:** Rep. Loge moved that **HB 97 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:12:29 Rep. Loge  
 01:12:49 Rep. Z. Brown  
 01:13:20 Rep. White

01:13:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 434**

01:14:29 **Motion:** Rep. Flynn moved that **HB 434 DO PASS.**  
**EXHIBIT(fih40a02)**

01:15:35 **Motion:** Rep. Flynn moved that **HB 434 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:15:47 Rep. Flynn

01:19:32 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. White moved to **SEGREGATE SECTION THREE FROM AMENDMENT HB043402.AHS.** Motion was without objection.

01:20:17 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HB 434 BE AMENDED WITH THE SEGREGATED SECTION 3 FROM AMENDMENT HB043402.AHS.**

**Discussion:**

01:20:57 Rep. White  
01:22:37 Rep. Jacobson  
01:23:27 Rep. White  
01:24:10 Rep. Z. Brown  
01:25:10 Rep. Loge  
01:25:29 Rep. Kipp III  
01:25:54 Rep. Court  
01:26:06 Rep. Flynn  
01:28:15 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy  
01:29:26 Rep. Flynn  
01:30:05 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
01:30:29 Rep. White  
01:31:05 Rep. Flynn  
01:31:25 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
01:31:55 Rep. Vinton

01:32:04 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-14 by roll call vote with Rep. Flynn, Rep. Jacobson and Rep. B. Smith voting aye.

**Discussion:**

01:33:17 Rep. Vinton  
01:33:47 Rep. Shaw  
01:34:13 Rep. Kipp III  
01:35:39 Rep. Flynn  
01:37:15 Rep. Shaw  
01:39:33 Rep. White  
01:40:22 Rep. Flynn

01:42:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:42:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Flynn moved that **HB 434 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:43:05 Rep. Shaw

01:43:32 Rep. Flynn resumes the chair

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 491**

01:43:54 **Motion:** Rep. Court moved that **HB 491 DO PASS**.

01:44:55 **Motion:** Rep. B. Smith moved that **HB 491 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT\(fih40a03\)](#)

**Discussion:**

01:45:21 Hope Stockwell, LSD

01:45:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:46:18 **Motion:** Rep. Court moved that **HB 491 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

01:46:27 Rep. Court

01:46:44 Rep. White

01:47:25 Rep. C. Knudsen

01:47:38 Chair Flynn

01:47:50 Rep. B. Brown

01:48:19 Rep. Jacobson left the meeting

01:49:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-2 by roll call vote with Rep. B. Brown and Rep. C. Knudsen voting no. Rep. Jacobson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 551**

01:51:06 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. B. Brown moved that **HB 551 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Jacobson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 151**

01:52:15 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HB 151 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

01:52:59 Hope Stockwell, LSD

01:53:51 Chair Flynn

01:54:16 Rep. Z. Brown

01:54:57 Rep. B. Brown

01:55:04 Chair Flynn

01:55:47      **Motion/Vote:** Rep. B. Brown moved that **HB 151 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Jacobson voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(fih40a04\)](#)

01:56:32      **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HB 151 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

01:56:51      Rep. White

01:57:49      **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. B. Smith made a substitute motion that **HB 151 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Court, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Kipp, Rep. Price, Rep. B. Smith and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting aye. Rep. Jacobson voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

01:58:53      Rep. Loge

01:59:19      Rep. Z. Brown

02:00:46      Chair Flynn

02:01:55      Rep. Kipp III

02:02:53      Rep. White

02:03:20      Hope Stockwell, LSD

02:03:42      Chair Flynn

02:04:17      Rep. B. Brown

02:05:06      Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting

02:05:19      **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Court, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Kipp, Rep. Price, Rep. B. Smith and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting no.

02:07:00      Rep. Price

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:07:58

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fih40aad.pdf](#))